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Serial No.: 10/089,438

Inventor/s: MEPHAM, S. et al.

Date: February 27, 2004

Title: GEARBOX MECHANISM

XX Amendment

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Appl. No. 10/089,438

TC/A.U. 3682

Filed: July 1, 2002

Examiner: Timothy P. McAnulty

For: GEARBOX MECHANISM

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June 18, 2004

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COMMUNICATION

On May 26, 2004, Applicants' representative received a telephone call from Examiner McAnulty regarding the status of the above-identified application. Specifically, Examiner McAnulty inquired as to whether a response had been filed following the November 3, 2003 rejection. Applicants' representative informed Examiner McAnulty that an Amendment had been filed on February 27, 2004, along with a petition for one month extension of time. Applicants' representative informed Examiner McAnulty that the Patent Office's own records showed that the \$110.00 fee was processed by the PTO on February 27, 2004.

Accordingly, Applicants' representative offered to provide Examiner McAnulty with a copy of the February 27, 2004 response, along with a copy of the date stamped

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postal filing receipt in which the PTO acknowledges receipt of the Amendment and fee.

Examiner McNulty suggested that Applicants file a petition to rescind the "Notice of Abandonment" despite the facts that: (1) the Amendment had been filed on February 27, 2004; (2) the PTO's own records indicate that receipt of the \$110.00 extension fee; and (3) a Notice of Abandonment has not been issued.

During a follow-up telephone interview with Supervisory Examiner Bucci, it was agreed that Applicants' would provide this Communication along with copies of the February 27, 2004 Amendment and date stamped postal filing receipt.


It is not believed that any fee is due for consideration of the February 27, 2004 Amendment as it was timely filed along with a petition for one month extension of time. However, the Patent Office is authorized to debit deposit account no. 14-1140, under order number 978-57 for any missing fees.

Prompt and favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	18	minus highest number			
previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0	x	\$ 18.00
					\$ 0.00
Independent claims after amendment	2	minus highest number			
previously paid for	3	(at least 3) =	0	x	\$ 86.00
					\$ 0.00
If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper)					\$ 0.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months)					\$ 110.00
Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$770.00)					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Please enter the previously unentered, filed					
<input type="checkbox"/> Submission attached					
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					-\$ 0.00

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) \$ 0.00

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TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 110.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DECLARATION

Please substitute the attached original Declaration for the facsimile copy of the Declaration filed with the application on July 1, 2002.

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**Office of Initial Patent Examinations
Filing Receipt Corrections**

Sir:

REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT


Enclosed is a copy of the Filing Receipt for the above-identified application which incorrectly states the filing date as June 1, 2002. It should read July 1, 2002.

In addition, the title has been amended to read "Gearbox Mechanism."

The corrections are shown in red on the attached copy of the filing receipt. Please note your records accordingly. Correction of same is respectfully requested.

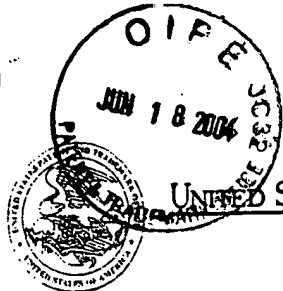
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Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable, filed prior to November 29, 2000

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Gearbox
~~Gear box~~ mechanism

Preliminary Class